

### **REMARKS**

The present application is directed to a method for performing a nucleic acid amplification reaction. An apparatus for effecting the method as well as disposable units for use in the method are disclosed. Claims 1-35 were pending prior to the issuance of the October 6, 2004, Office Action. Following entry of this amendment, Claims 1-6 and 8-35 will be pending. Claims 2, 3 and 10 are currently amended.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended herein to accurately define the invention and further limit the parent claim as suggested by the Examiner in the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004.

Claim 10 is amended herein to correct a typographical error.

No new matter is added, and support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and in the original claims.

### **CONCLUSION**

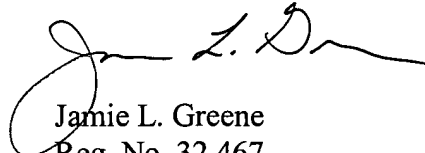
The foregoing is submitted as a Supplemental Response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2004 and the Applicants response to Office Action filed January 6, 2005. For at least the reasons given above, Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

If the Examiner believes that any informalities remain in the case, which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that there are any other issues which can be resolved by

a telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 815-6500 is respectfully solicited.

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